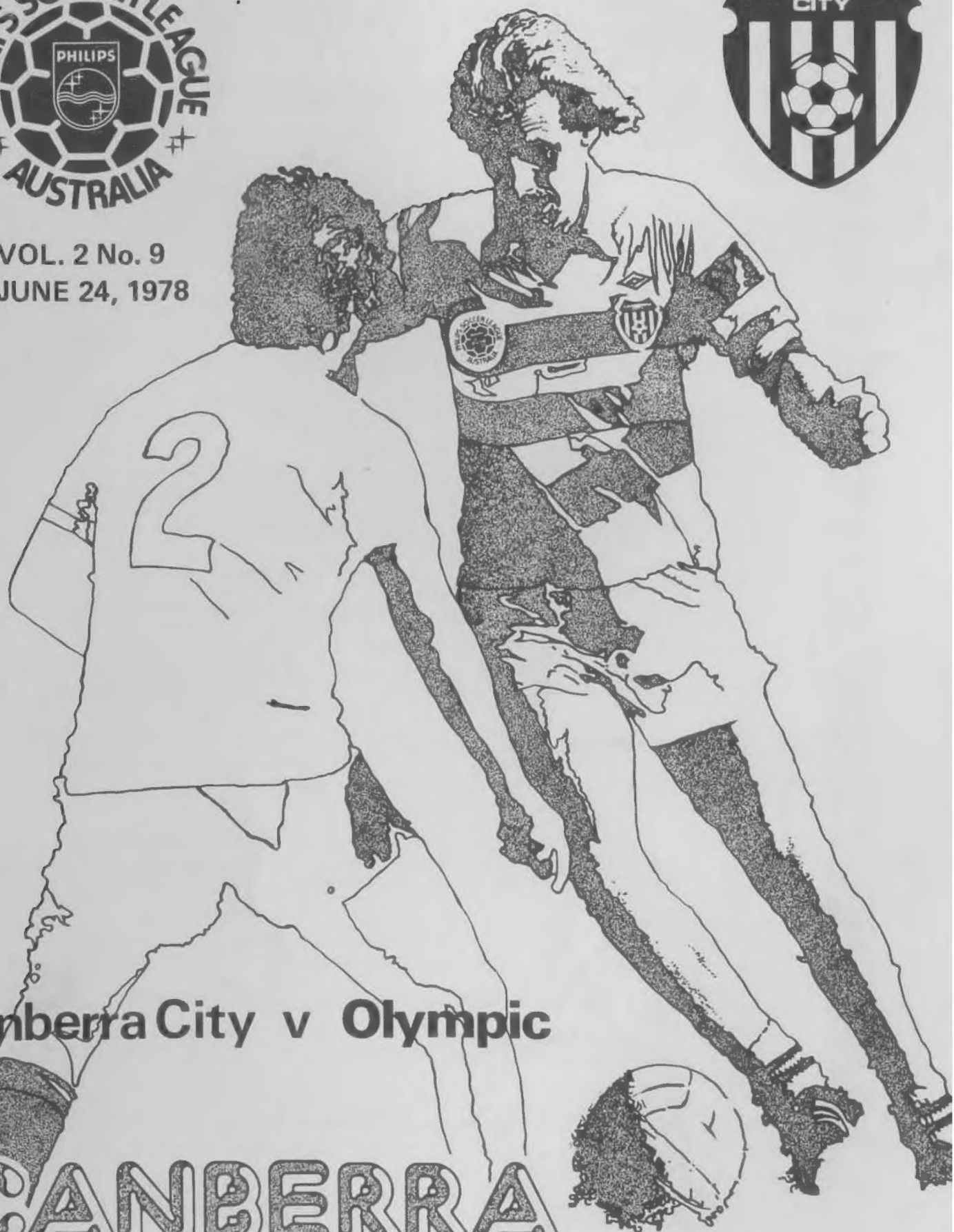




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EDITORIAL

A lucid, hard hitting editorial was written by the editor to drive home some hard facts which should be known by all and sundry regarding this journal, our team and our club. However, as it was conceived in anger by a tired and weary person, it was decided by the editor not to publish it. But, this journal is a means of communications and as such it should be used inspite of how we feel. It has been said that we forget to do what we don't want to do. If that is so, there are a lot of people who don't want to do a lot of things. So often we hear . . . I forgot. It is this lack of communications which is the bane of our club. The

Damn it, I forgot to put a ribbon in the machine!!

NEXT GAME

Next week, Saturday, 1st July, Canberra City plays Newcastle United at Newcastle. On Saturday, 8th July, Canberra City plays Brisbane Lions at Bruce Stadium in Round 19 of the Phillips Soccer League of Australia.

1978 FIXTURE LIST

ROUND 17 (24-25 June)

South Melbourne	v	Brisbane Lions
East. Sub.	v	Footscray
Canberra City	v	Sydney Olympic
West Adelaide	v	Newcastle United
St George	v	Adelaide City
Brisbane City	v	Marconi
Western Suburbs	v	Fitzroy United

ROUND 18 (1-2 July)

Brisbane Lions	v	West Adelaide
Footscray	v	Western Suburbs
Fitzroy United	v	South Melbourne
East. Sub.	v	Brisbane City
Adelaide City	v	Marconi
Newcastle United	v	Canberra City
St George	v	Sydney Olympic

CANBERRA CITY GOALSCORERS

van Gruicic	8
Merry Byrne	4
van Heywood	1
Brian Stoddart	1
Jimmy Cant	1
Toy Stark	1

HOME MATCH ATTENDANCE

City v West Adelaide	6,100
City v Adelaide City	6,485
City v Newcastle (rain)	3,400
City v Fitzroy	5,300
City v Footscray	4,700
City v Marconi	8,450
City v W. Suburbs (rain)	5,420
City v St George	5,200
Total	45,055

(Total attendance for all of last season 23,150)

MATCH STATISTICS

CITY v ST GEORGE

	First Half		Sec. Half		Total	
Goal Kicks	City	St. G	City	St. G	City	St. G
Goals	1	1	0	0	1	1
Penalties	1	0	0	0	1	0
Corners	6	5	5	4	11	9
Throws	4	7	6	7	10	14
Free Kicks	10	5	3	7	13	12
Goal Kicks	7	7	7	8	14	15

CITY'S RESULTS THIS SEASON

City v West Adelaide, home 1-1 draw.
 City v Adelaide City, home 2-2 draw.
 Olympic v City, away 1-2 win.
 St George v City, away 1-2 loss.
 City v Newcastle, home 2-2 draw.
 Brisbane Lions v City, away 2-2 draw.
 City v Fitzroy, home 2-2 draw.
 City v Footscray, home 1-1 draw.
 Brisbane City v City, away 1-0 loss.
 City v Marconi, home 0-0 draw.
 East. Sub. Hakoah v City, away 3-0 loss.
 City v West Sub, home 2-2 draw
 South Melb v City, away 0-0 draw
 Adelaide City v City, away 3-1 loss
 West Adelaide v City, away 2-0 loss
 City v St George, home 1-1 draw

LAST YEAR'S RESULTS

Olympic v City 2-2 draw
 City v Olympic 4-0 win

POINTS SCORE TABLE

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Marconi	16	10	4	2	36	16	24
W. Adelaide	16	10	2	4	26	18	22
East	16	7	5	4	30	17	19
S. Melbourne	16	6	7	3	22	16	19
Brisbane Lions	16	5	8	3	23	22	18
Fitzroy	16	5	7	4	22	22	17
Adelaide City	16	6	4	6	22	23	16
Wests	16	5	5	6	27	30	15
Brisbane City	16	6	2	8	21	25	14
Footscray	16	4	6	6	13	18	14
Newcastle	16	3	7	6	21	29	13
Canberra	16	1	10	5	17	25	12
Olympic	16	3	5	8	19	30	11
St George	16	4	2	10	18	26	10

NEXT ISSUE

All copy for the next issue must be in the Editor's hand by Monday evening the 3rd July. Copy may be left at the Club or with the Editor.



TOP LEFT: No. 7 for Ivan Gruicic.

TOP RIGHT: Peter Marinello, Doug Utjesenovic
and Terry Byrne.

BOTTOM LEFT: Martin Coe getting the better
of Terry Byrne.



TOP: Ken Allan, Dennis McDermot and Doug Holman face ladies socceroos for the toss, Windmills v Canberra City Cats.

RIGHT: Canberra City Cats.

BOTTOM: Happiness is the first goal.





Our Junior Club of the Week is

KAMBAH UNITED SOCCER CLUB



One of the youngest soccer clubs in the Canberra region is Kambah United. Though latecomers to the Canberra scene they were by no means slow. The gardens around the new houses of Kambah have not yet turned to green when, in November 1975, the ball began bouncing in the new settlement.

They started the 1976 season with 75 boys. The club has now increased to a total of 350 boys for the 1978 season.

The ball boys representing the Club today come from the Under 14 and Under 15 teams.

The Under 14s at the present time are undefeated in the competition and the Under 15s are placed in third position at this stage — a splendid achievement for such a young club.

The president of the Club is Stuart Devlin, and anyone interested in soccer in the Kambah area should contact him for further information. (Home 31 8403).

PARACHUTE DISPLAY

The parachute display at half time is being conducted by the current Australian Parachuting Champion, Graeme Windsor of Canberra with assistance from members of Canberra Skydivers Club. Graeme will be leaving next month with the Australian Parachute Team for final preparations in America in readiness for the World Parachute Championships. The World Parachute Championships will be held in Zagreb, Yugoslavia in August.

Graeme has been seeking support from the Canberra area for his trip to the World Championships and wishes to thank all those who are assisting him. In particular, thanks go to Carlham Insurance Brokers of Woden, Centerpoint Steering Industries of Fyshwick and Continental Decorators of Phillip who are sponsoring this display. Special thanks and support go to the Canberra City Soccer Club.

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Today's Programme

1.00 Junior Soccer: Belconnen North v Belconnen West U/13, Div. 2.

2.15 The James Reay Fraser Memorial Pipe Band.

2.30 Australian Parachuting Champion, Graeme Windsor of Canberra with Members of the Canberra Skydivers Club.

3.00 CANBERRA CITY versus SYDNEY OLYMPIC

In the break the second semi-final of the Canberra City Cup will be run, and the Pipers will play.

Welcome

Can Canberra City finally achieve a clean sheet — and give all of you spectators (if we have any left) the home win you so desperately want.

Today, of course, our guests are Sydney Olympic — the only team that City has defeated this season. And that at Olympic's own ground over the Easter long weekend.

Surely we can now win at home!

City have no injury problems and will be at full strength from available players. We do need this win.

Olympic, one below us on the table and one point behind, must surely want the same. On paper, they, like St George, have a team of great talent but just aren't performing.

Players of the calibre of Britain's top goalscorer, Billy Pirie — from Scottish club Dundee — will be their striker complemented by the man they call the 'Golden Greek', former Greek international, Constantinos Avourlis.

Olympic also have two other Scottish players, Stuart Markland from Montrose and Derek Laing, also from Dundee.

Close season signings Alan Ainslie, from Western Suburbs and Paul Coton from St George, are also players of ability.

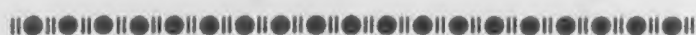
Yet with all this talent — and expense —

Olympic are still below Canberra City ... one spot off the bottom.

Now I'm thinking back to last Saturday evening to the ABC announcement ... 'What a bore — another draw.' Maybe today Canberra will make them eat their words.

We deserve it. You spectators who have so kindly given us your support deserve it. And the players want it.

They are frustrated with their PSL record 10 draws. They are determined to finally achieve maximum points.



JUNIOR TEAMS

BELCONNEN NORTH: 1 P. Brown, 2 S. Cunningham, 3 C. Appleby, 4 L. Fiorese, 5 N. Pomakis, 6 B. Pandolfo, 7 G. Gardner, 8 P. Ekins, 9 S. Welch, 10 S. Sostarko, 11 S. Milicivec, 12 D. Hogan, 13 K. Hunter, 14 L. Kirby.

BELCONNEN WEST: 1 T. Gruber, 2 D. Parson, 3 T. Fleet, 4 S. Sheppard, 5 G. Kotselas, 6 J. Bryant, 7 M. Graff, 8 A. Hillsley, 9 W. Freeman, 10 A. Evans, 11 G. Ewyk, 12 D. Macallion.

Referee: Montaro Ramon.



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Team Squads



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CANBERRA CITY

- 1 RON TILSED
- 2 DANNY MOULIS
- 3 MIKE MILOVANOVIC
- 4 TONY HENDERSON
- 5 LUIS SALGADO
- 6 JOHN DAVIES
- 7 STEVE HOGG
- 8 IVAN GRUICIC
- 9 TERRY BYRNE
- 11 JOHN BROWN
- 12 PETER MARINELLO
- 13 IAN HEYWOOD
- 16 GARY PARKER
- 17 KENY KAVALEVA
- 18 GREG WILLETT
- 19 ROY STARK
- 20 DAVID LINDENMAYER



COLOURS: BLUE & WHITE

SYDNEY OLYMPIC

- HERK KARAKOSTAS
- DAVID McINTOSH
- KEN WILSON
- STUART MARKLAND
- STRAVAPODIS
- ALEX JAMIESON
- PETER RASKOPOULOS
- DEREK LAING
- CON DAVOURLIS
- BILL PIRIE
- ALLAN AINSLIE
- GARY MEIER
- PAUL COTON
- MIKE CROSS
- CONSTANINOU



WHAT IS PARACHUTING LIKE?



Sitting on the floor of the aircraft with the cold air blowing in through the big open space where the door used to be, you contemplate the jump ahead.

Brain in gear, you run through the manoeuvres you will go through in freefall, opening the parachute and guiding it down to the target.

The pilot shouts 'Run in' and you sit up next to the door to give final last minute corrections to him. "Power off" is the command and as the engine revs die and the plane slows down, out you go into a rush of cold air which tugs at your face. Falling earthwards, you look at the ground coming up at you at over 120 mph and check the altimeter.

Right! 2500 feet! Time to pull the ripcord! With a huge adrenalin surge, out comes the ripcord and the parachute is opening — or is it? Less than two seconds later you have the answer. It's OK. No need to worry about the emergency chute now.

Suddenly, all is still, peaceful and quiet as you look down at the patchwork quilt below and steer the parachute towards the target.

Two long minutes later, you set up for a nice soft landing and touch down on old terra firma to which some would say a lot less terror and a lot more firmer!

So what do parachutists get out of their sport? It's the feeling of personal freedom, of individuality, of the clarity of thought and action that comes from leaping out of aeroplanes, and which only those who have done it can understand.

WHO MX?

Xvxn though my typxwritxr is an old modxl, it works quitx wxll xxcxpt for onx of thx kxys. Thxrx arx 41 kxys that function, but just onx kxy not working makxs all thx diffxrxncx.

Somxtimxs it sxxms to mx that our own organization is not unlikx my old typxwritxr: — that not all of thx kxy pxoplx arx working propxrlx.

You may say, "Wxll, I am only onx pxrson, I will not makx or brxak any organization!"

But a succxssful organization, to bx xffxctivx, rxquirxs thx activx participation of vxxybody!

So thx nxst timx you think your xfforts arx not nxxdxd, rxmxmbxr my old typxwritxr, and say to yoursxlf, "I am a kxy pxrson, and am nxxdxd vxry much!"

Sourxe: "Thx Bullxtin" California.




CAR RAFFLE

It's on. Once again there is going to be a car raffle and it is going to be the same success story as last year. Claude Li'Chiang has decided that life ain't worth living if he can't flog sufficient tickets to make a fair cop for the club. But to do that he needs YOU. So ring him on 54 5053 and offer your help to sell some tickets around the village. And if you want to know what you are flogging, have a look at the prizes.

1st: Ford Cortina GL 2 Litre Manual Station Wagon.

2nd: Philips Dish Washing Machine.

3rd to 15th: Family Season Tickets to all PSL matches at Bruce.



■■■■■■■■■■ FROM THE SUPPORTERS CLUB ■■■■■■■■■■

Last Saturday's Cabaret was everything that was promised. Six hundred people danced through to 1.30am and even then, few were ready to go home. It was the biggest event we have ever held and it must rate close to one of the best.

Only problem with such a large crowd is that not everyone gets the table or seating they would prefer, especially some of the larger groups, but generally everyone seemed happy. All the regular patrons were there and also a host of new ones. For once Roman Bizjac didn't win the raffle which was held with the assistance of the ladies football team. Thanks again girls, we could not have managed without you.

If you did miss the mid-season cabaret, make sure you don't miss the Presentation Dance. Who knows, it may even be held in our own new premises if all goes well.

Two well known club identities, Ken Worthington (Cookie) and Steve MacGregor (Hairy) have a new part time job. Every time a fire breaks out in a crowded building, the Fire Brigade rush this pair to the scene where they dash into the building and start telling jokes. The Fire Chief tells us buildings are being cleared 15% faster than ever before.

Despite the fact that it wasn't advertised our new after-game drinks in the Media Room under the stand got off to a great start. A good crowd turned up, including both teams and the atmosphere was very convivial. Once the traffic thinned out, people were able to leave without hassle. It's a bit rough and ready compared to the club where the real celebrations or commiserations take place, but if you can't get to the club, then it's the next best thing. One fan offered Neville Morgan of St George free after game drinks for life if he would sign for Canberra City. Neville promised to think about it. Everyone was waiting for the confrontation between Ralph Coates and Jack Evans (enemies of old) but luckily, when Ralph asked for a beer we were able to grab Jack before it was served can and all at very high speed.

Bad news about last week's raffle. First prize, \$50 of petrol from Shell Superwash, Fyshwick, was won by (sob) a St George supporter, Allan Noyes from Sydney. Other prizes luckily went to John Hutka of Aranda, the double pass to the Sundown Drive-in was won by R. Cosgrove of Dickson and V. Merckezic picked up the leg of lamb from the Kippax Meat Market. We are seriously thinking of making this the first prize in future at the price it is.

Next week is the big trip to Newcastle. Book early as we can organise only one bus and it's filling steadily. It leaves Canberra at 5am Saturday morning, cost \$15 (\$35 a family ticket) and leaves Newcastle at 10am on Sunday morning. Accommodation has been booked at \$7 a night if you don't mind three to a room and the Newcastle supporters have promised us a fine time in return for us looking after them on their trip down here. Newcastle is turning on a free BBQ for all Canberra supporters coming over to see the game. That's hospitality.

Thanks to the support you have been giving our functions and events we were able to donate another \$2600 to the club recently. This was made up of purchasing training balls, commitments covering the Social Club in town and part of the service charges outstanding to Hal Leslie. So keep supporting our efforts as we are having a private battle with Brian Pollock to be sponsor of the year. Brian is winning just now but we are trying hard to catch up.

Caledonian corner in the club house is very quiet these days since Scotland's demise in Argentina. All the Scots are madly supporting Holland so they can say they were the only team to beat them. Haven't heard them suggesting that English teams be forced to play five English players to help develop the game in that country for some time now. It's not so happy on the field either with John Brown the only Scot left. It's a bit hard to count Steve Hogg, although he was born there, he left when he was two years old,

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FOOTBALL LEAGUE NOTES

We are now entering the second half of the season and it may be opportune to reflect upon our performances to date. The League and Cup results given below have occurred since the last edition of this journal and do not appear encouraging. We lost in the semi-finals of the Federation Cup, and the respective positions of our three teams in the League tables show a disappointing situation — but do they? What are the facts?

Last year we had only one League side but this year we have three. With a matter of weeks only remaining before commencement of this season we recruited thirty-seven new club players albeit in the main they represented much of the young talent in the area, including many of whom were previous ACT representative players. However a large proportion of these had previous experience limited to junior soccer only and the average age was 16.6 years. Many people believe the standard of soccer played in the first grade of the Federation first division by the senior clubs has for sometime been underrated. Take the

example of Monaro whose current success in part must surely reflect local standards and recent games against our own PSL side did not demonstrate a total imbalance.

From criticism voiced by spectators who attend Sunday Federation League games and unfortunately by some of our club members it would seem that many expected instant success by our new teams. The critics are not able to recognise or are prepared to understand the difficulties and processes involved in developing player potential, moulding teamwork and patterns of play and finally awaiting the confidence of players that come only from experience. These are the ingredients and basic essentials for success in competitive sport.

Johnny Warren at a recent foundation membership meeting explained the need for depth in the playing ranks for any successful club and in particular this is a priority requirement in any newly formed club. The response from many members did not appear to demonstrate support for a player development policy but more an obsession with administration and financial matters as though if and when there were forthcoming all our problems would be solved. For sure we essentially need sound and financially viable administration, but few teams when faced with relegation difficulties are wholly able to buy their way out of trouble. Presumably everybody understands that relegation commences in the PSL competition next season. Development of our own young players must go hand in glove with any future purchases of interstate or overseas players. We could never in the foreseeable future afford to buy all the players we will need to succeed in the future increasing standards of PSL competition and also provide reserve sides.

Our current performances in local League soccer represents a beginning of a development programme not the end. Our performance to date represents a creditable

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SUPPORTERS CLUB

so be kind to your tartan clad friend for a while.

The new design car sticker is now available at the stall. It's bright and distinctive, so for a meagre 40 cents you can show the world that you too support Canberra City.

Did you read Corrisons Comments last week. A pity he couldn't have been at the Cabaret to see the Supporters Club doing something really big. Next item we have is the annual car raffle run by Claude Li-Chiang. But we have got to agree, Corrison made a lot of sense in his comments about making use of the best talent available. You have got to be 100 per cent in everything to survive in the Philips League.

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LEAGUE NOTES

beginning considering the difficulties involved, i.e. competing against long established clubs with many imported players, limited training sessions under adverse winter conditions, congested and sometimes appalling dressing room conditions, the intensive desire of many competitors to take a Canberra City team to the cleaners at every opportunity, criticism at every downfall, and finally lack of support among many club members for the concept of player development. All the above matters particularly effect the younger player who needs above all things encouragement.

Our young player development programme may be ambitious (by necessity) and there will certainly be times when constructive criticism will be justified, but destructive attitudes ought to be minimised. Who was it who said that 'Life was not meant to be easy'? Unquestionably, many of our current young players will give this club reason in the future to be proud of — how many supporters will then say 'I told you so'?

Keep up the good work Vic Fernandez and the many young players who take the

knocks each weekend whilst wearing (and because they wear) City colours. There may be need from time to time to adjust our tactics and pattern of play but the underlying principle of young player development is unavoidable whatever combination of League we may yet play in. This club cannot afford it any other way.

League and Cup Results

Results from Federation and Cup games were as follows:

May 14 (League): Canb City 3rds 0 WW Juventus 2.

Canb City 2nds 2 WW Juventus 3.

Canb City 1sts 2 WW Juventus 4.

May 21 (League): Canb City 3rds 7 Narrabundah 1.

Canb City 2nds 1 Narrabundah 4.

May 28 (League): ANU 3 Canb City 3rds 0.

ANU 2 Canb City 2nds 1.

ANU 3 Canb City 1sts 2.

June 4 (Fed. Cup): Canb City 1sts 0 WW Juventus 5.

June 11 (Autumn Cup): Canb City 1sts 3 Canb United 0.

June 10 (League): Canb City 1sts 5 Canb United 2.

Canb City 2nds 5 Canb United 3.

Canb City 3rds 10 Canb United 0.

Our Fixtures for June are as follows:

Sunday June 25 v Downer Olympic, Bruce at 11am (Thirds), 1pm (Seconds), 3pm (Firsts).

ACT U/16 Representative Team

A group of U/16 boys commenced training at the O'Connor Oval on Monday 12th June for State championships to be conducted in late August.

Vic Fernandez has been appointed as their official coach. We will report their progress from time to time in this column.

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CONTROVERSIAL RULES:

There are seventeen rules in soccer of which Rule 11 and 12, Offside, faults and misconduct, cause most headaches to referees, players and spectators.

There are only nine offences which may be penalised by awarding free kicks, but it is difficult to establish whether the offence occurred intentionally or accidentally, and that decision will always be controversial.

When heading a high ball it is comparatively easy to say that a player is not allowed to jump at his opponent, but it is quite difficult to judge if the opponent tried unfairly to obstruct him. Often the correctly jumping player is penalised.

Handling the ball is an offence but it is difficult to establish whether it is a deliberate hand ball or not.

A player is not allowed to kick his opponent but those who played soccer know that a kick can happen by accident when fighting for the ball or through carelessness by the "victim".

A player is not allowed to push his opponent but often a clever and acrobatic striker "takes a dive" after an innocent touch to demand a penalty kick.

It is difficult to judge these incidents correctly for those who learned soccer from books. If you have played soccer for a long time you feel and understand that a 'free kick' must be awarded against the guilty player as punishment and not against the innocent.

OFFSIDE:

The principles of the offside rules are easily learned from the book but it is much more complicated to judge it on the field where 22 players are involved and positions change constantly.

A well developed understanding is required to judge whether a player in an offside position can gain an advantage for his team by interfering in the play, by inconveniencing his opponents or by obstructing

the view of the goalkeeper. If not, he should not be penalised even if he is clearly in an offside position.

To judge this correctly you must understand the game of soccer thoroughly and know the "offside tactics" and counter tactics.

The referee should have a well developed sense of distance and feel when to look for his linesmen. There should be a high degree of co-operation and understanding between the referee and his linesmen who should be experienced.

The correct or incorrect interpretation and application of Rules 11 and 12 can be decisive on the result of the match.

It is most important to observe the intention of the players and to distinguish good intention from bad. Refereeing is thinking and not being an automat. The referee who applies the law rigidly spoils a game but a referee with commonsense has a very important role in controlling the game.

The first duty of the referee is to ensure that all derive maximum enjoyment within the law of the game, that the spirit of the game is observed and that bad sportsmanship is eliminated from the stadium. This way soccer will remain the greatest and most popular sport in the world and become the number one sport in Australia.

Some people believe that referees are made and not born but my opinion is 50-50. And that is why all referees are not of the same standard. There are hundreds of thousands of players but very few Pele's.

NICOLAS SZEGO

*Inspector — Game controller of the
Australian Soccer Federation*

